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General Law Committee Public Hearing

Thursday, March 6, 2014

Connecticut Association of Health Plans

Testimony in Support of

**HB 5337 AAC FEES CHARGED FOR SERVICES PROVIDED AT HOSPITAL-BASED
FACILITIES**

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans (CTAHP), including Aetna, Anthem, Cigna, ConnectiCare, United and Harvard Pilgrim, is pleased to support HB 5337 and commends the Attorney General for bringing forth a discussion on the fees associated with care provided at hospital-owned facilities.

CTAHP would also like to state for the record that we appreciate the efforts of the Connecticut Hospital Association in working toward a resolution on this critically important issue to assure that our members and Connecticut citizens at-large are well informed as to the policies and procedures in place.

Passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has dramatically altered the health care landscape not only in Connecticut, but across the nation. All stakeholders are facing unprecedented challenges in the effort to deliver on the promise of health care reform and while the health insurance carriers remain committed to overall vision, the industry acknowledges there will be obstacles to overcome along the path to success. With strong leadership from our state policy makers and partnership among the various stakeholders, we will achieve that goal together. CTAHP urges the Committee's passage of HB 5337.

Many thanks for your consideration.